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SUBJECT: GOV EXPRESSES INTEREST IN BILATERAL NARCOTICS TREATY

1. DURING A MEETING WITH THE EMBASSY'S AID NARCOTICS ADVISER JANUARY 21, DR. CESAR NARANJO OSTTY STATED ON BEHALF OF THE FISCAL GENERAL (GOV OFFICIAL WHO PERFORMS SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS OF AN ATTORNEY GENERAL) THAT VENEZUELA WANTED TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL NARCOTICS TREATY WITH THE U.S. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM NARANJO, THE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED COPIES OF SOME BILATERAL NARCOTICS TREATIES TO WHICH THE U.S. IS A PARTY. THESE INCLUDE OUR AGREEMENTS WITH ARGENTINA (1972), BELGIUM (1928), ECUADOR (1971), FRG (1955), PARAGUAY (1972) AND THAILAND (1971).

2. THE EMBASSY ADVISED NARANJO THAT IT WILL GIVE WHATEVER HELP IS NEEDED IN PREPARING A DRAFT NARCOTICS TREATY. AS WE WILL BE MEETING WITH NARANJO AGAIN IN FEBRUARY ON THIS MATTER, WE WILL APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE OR INSTRUCTIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE US AT THIS TIME.

3. COMMENT. THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING A BILATERAL NARCOTICS TREATY COMES ENTIRELY AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE GOV. BELIEVING THAT WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO GAIN FROM SUCH AN AGREEMENT, OUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN POSITIVE. DR. NARANJO HELD THE POST OF FISCAL GENERAL DURING THE CALDERA ADMINISTRATION AND IS A HIGHLY REGARDED
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VENEZUELAN LAWYER. HE PRESENTLY ACTS AS AN ADVISER TO VENEZUELA'S

COMMISSION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (CCUID). MOREOVER, HE IS A LAW
PARTNER OF FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM.
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